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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Guilty Plea in \$1.2 Million EDD Fraud

(U) One man charged in an unemployment insurance fraud case that prosecutors say collected \$1.2 million from California's Employment Development Department pleaded guilty Tuesday in Sacramento federal court, while a second may plead guilty next week in the case. The fraud ring operated out of an apartment in Maryland and involved more than 200 claims filed with EDD from the same address, with the state agency ultimately approving payments for 97 of them, court papers say. Three men were charged in the case, which prosecutors say targeted Arizona, Maryland, and North Carolina, in addition to California.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [MSN](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Police Seize Fentanyl Pills During Traffic Stop

(U) Buckeye – A coordinated traffic stop in Arizona led to a bust of illegal fentanyl, which resulted in the arrest of a suspect. Law enforcement seized roughly 395,000 fentanyl-laced counterfeit "M30" opioid pills during a traffic stop involving the Buckeye Police Department and Maricopa County Drug Suppression Task Force. Police did not release the identity of the person who was arrested.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [Fox News](#)

(U) Arizona – Agents Discover 32 Migrants Concealed in Box Truck

(U) Tucson – US Border Patrol agents discovered 32 migrants concealed in a moving box truck. Agents tried to stop the vehicle, but the truck did not stop and sped west out of the city. The vehicle came to a stop on a rural road southwest of Tucson, where its driver and front-seat passenger fled on foot into the desert. As agents checked the truck, they reportedly discovered 32 undocumented migrants in its cargo compartment. CBP identified the migrants as 31 men and one unaccompanied minor from Mexico and Guatemala.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [KVOA News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – 23 Individuals Charged with Trafficking Counterfeit Prescription Pills

(U) Washington – Twenty-three individuals in Massachusetts have been charged in connection with North Shore-based Nagle Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) that allegedly manufactured and distributed tens of thousands of counterfeit prescription pills containing narcotics. It is alleged that the Nagle DTO distributed significant quantities of various controlled substances, including, Adderall (both pharmaceutical-grade pills and counterfeit pills containing methamphetamine), methamphetamine, Xanax, Oxycodone (both pharmaceutical-grade and counterfeit pills containing fentanyl), cocaine, and marijuana. Investigators seized a pill press hidden under a sheet in a basement laundry room, plastic bags containing approximately three to four kilograms of suspected powdered fentanyl in various colors.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [US Department of Justice](#)

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(U) Michigan – Three Men Guilty of Supporting Plot to Kidnap Governor

(U) Lansing – Three men accused of supporting a plot to kidnap Michigan's governor were convicted of all charges yesterday. Joe Morrison, his father-in-law Pete Musico, and Paul Bellar were found guilty of providing "material support" for a terrorist act as members of a paramilitary group, the Wolverine Watchmen. Morrison, 28, Musico, 44, and Bellar, 24, were also convicted of a gun crime and membership in a gang. Prosecutors said the Wolverine Watchmen was a criminal enterprise.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [PBS](#)

(U) Minnesota – Cyberattack Affects 60k Telecommunications Customers

(U) Perham – A ransomware attack on Tuesday left thousands of Minnesota customers without internet, phone, and TV services. Arvig says about 60,000 customers across the state were affected. The company says service was disrupted for more than three hours. The company does not believe any customer or employee data was obtained during the attack. Arvig is investigating the attack and a forensic analysis is being conducted.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [KVRR News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Woman Returning from Syria with Children Charged with Joining ISIS

(U) Montreal – A Quebec woman who allegedly travelled to Syria to join ISIS has been repatriated from a detention camp in Syria and is facing terrorism charges, the RCMP said yesterday. Oumaima Chouay faces charges of leaving Canada to participate in the activity of a terrorist group, participation in the activity of a terrorist group, providing property or services for terrorism purposes and conspiracy to participate in the activity of a terrorist group. Along with Chouay and her two children, British Columbia resident Kimberly Polman was also returned to Canada yesterday.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [The Star](#)

(U) Iran – ISIS Attack on Shrine Kills 15

(U) Shiraz – At least 15 people have been killed and 40 others injured in an attack on a Shia religious shrine in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz, according to the country's state media agency, IRNA. The report said that the attack, which took place at the Shah Cheragh Shrine yesterday evening, was carried out by three armed men who entered the shrine. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on their telegram channel.

SOURCE: 26 October 2022, [Al-Jazeera](#)

(U) Ukraine – Russia Fires Rockets at Ukraine, Renews 'Dirty Bomb' Claims

(U) Kyiv – Russia targeted more than 40 villages around Ukraine over the past day, Ukrainian officials said yesterday, killing at least two people and sustaining the terror that forces people into air raid shelters each night. Russian forces launched five rockets, 30 air strikes and more than 100 multiple-launch rocket system attacks on Ukrainian targets, the Ukrainian armed forces general staff said. The attacks come as fears are growing that Russia, facing setbacks on the battlefield, could try to detonate a device that uses explosives to scatter radioactive waste to sow terror.

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